

What is claimed is:

1. A method of distributing data to a user over a network, comprising the steps of:

5 inputting data stored in a device returned by a user;
storing said data in a server computer connected to said network in association with a uniquely assigned address; and
transmitting said data to a terminal connected to said network when the user accesses said server computer from the terminal using said address.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is previously provided in said device in a form which is visible to the user.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is generated from information inherent in said device.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is previously stored in a memory of said device, and, when said data is input, said address stored in the memory is also input and stored into said server computer.

5. A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is generated from information associated with the user.

6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is a URL.

7. A method according to claim 1, wherein said data which has been input is transmitted to said server computer via said network and is stored on said server computer.

8. A method according to claim 1, wherein said terminal of the user is at least one of a computer, a portable telephone, and a digital television.

9. A method according to claim 1, wherein said data includes image data and/or voice data.

10. A method according to claim 1, wherein said device is a digital camera.

11. A system for distributing data to a user via a network, comprising:

data input means for inputting data stored in a device returned by a user;

storage means connected to said network for storing said data in association with a uniquely assigned address; and

processing means for searching said data stored in said storage means in response to an access by the user using said

address and transmitting said data via said network to a terminal employed by the user.

12. A system according to claims 11, further comprising
5 data transmitting means for transmitting said data input by said data input means and said address to said storing means via said network.

13. A system according to claim 11, further comprising
10 address generating means for generating said address from information inherent in said device.

14. A system according to claim 11, further comprising
15 address generating means for generating said address from information associated with said user.

15. A system according to claim 11, wherein said data input means inputs, along with said data, said address previously stored in said device.

16. A system according to claim 11, wherein said address is a URL.

17. A system according to claim 11, wherein said data is
25 image data and/or voice data.

18. A system according to claim 11, wherein said device is a digital camera.

19. An apparatus for distributing data to a user via a
5 network, comprising:

means for storing data previously stored in a device returned by a user, in association with a uniquely assigned address; and

10 means for receiving a data request using uniquely assigned said and transmitting said data via said network to a terminal operated the user.

20. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said address is generated from information inherent in said device.

15 21. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said address is generated from information associated with said user.

20 22. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said address is previously stored in a memory provided within said device.

25 23. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said address is a URL and wherein data transmission means transmits

said data to the terminal of said user in the form of a web page.

24. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said
5 data includes image data and/or voice data.

25. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said
device is a digital camera.